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OFC IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Optical Fibre Cable has been laid from Jammu onwards up to Uri in Kashmir;

(b) whether some C-Dot Exchanges of Higher Capacity have also been installed at various places in the valley; and

(c) if so, the reasons for unsatisfactory Telephone Services in the Valley, especially the Border Areas of Jammu & Kishmir?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) OFC has been commissioned between Jammu to Srinagar, Srinagar to Baramulla, Baramulla to Boniyar. OFC work between Boniyar to Uri is under process.

(b) Yes Sir, the C-DOT exchanges of higher capacity have been installed at Anantanag, Baramulla, Sopore and Kupwara.

(c) It is not true that the telephone services in the valley specially in the border areas of J&K is dissatisfactory. The telephone services were recently disrupted due to heavy snow fall. However, all efforts are being made to restore the faulty services.